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In re Patent Application of:
Masaaki NODA et al.
Serial No. 09/736,230
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For: HIGH-VOLTAGE SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE

) Group Art Unit: 2815
Examiner: Joseph H. Nguyen

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's non-final Office Action mailed December 13, 2001, the period for responding having been extended one (1) month, please consider the following request for reconsideration in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the present application. The Examiner's non-final Office Action dated December 13, 2001 has been received and its contents carefully noted. Claims 1-12 are pending in the present application, of which claim 1 is independent.

Claims 1-12 are Patentable over the Acknowledged Prior Art in view of Ronen;

The Examiner has Not Made a *Prima Facie* Case of Obviousness

Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the acknowledged prior art (APA) in view of Ronen, U.S. Patent No. 4,290,077 (Ronen). The

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